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SUBJECT: SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL VISIT

REF: A. STATE 11449; B. BELGRADE 465; C. BUCHAREST 353;
D. BUDAPEST 211; E. WARSAW 364.

1. ITINERARY OF SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL (SCI) PRESIDENT LOUIS WOZAR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THOMAS GITTINS AS FOLLOWS. TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY SCI.

APRIL 21 1945 DEPART WASHINGTON, PA 106.

APRIL 22 0845 ARRIVE LONDON

-- 1025 DEPART LONDON - BA 552

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-- 1330 ARRIVE VIENNA.

APRIL 25 VIENNA TO BUDAPEST VIA HYDROFOIL.

APRIL 27 1420 DEPART BUDAPEST - LO 126
-- 1540 ARRIVE WARSAW.

APRIL 30 1130 DEPART WARSAW - RO 226
-- 1600 ARRIVE BUCHAREST.

MAY 1 1625 DEPART BUCHAREST - RO 111
-- 1700 ARRIVE CONSTANTA.

MAY 4 0700 DEPART CONSTANTA - RO 112
-- 0735 ARRIVE BUCHAREST.

-- 1325 DEPART BUCHAREST - TRANSYLVANIA EXPRESS TRAIN
-- 1550 ARRIVE BRASOV.

-- 2011 DEPART BRASOV - TRANSYLVANIA EXPRESS TRAIN
--2229 ARRIVE BUCHAREST.

MAY 6 1440 DEPART BUCHAREST - AZ 523
-- 1440 ARRIVE BELGRADE.

MAY 9 1430 DEPART BELGRADE - JU 330
-- 1515 ARRIVE ZAGREB.

MAY 11 DEPART ZAGREB.

2. SCI HAS MET WITH CULTURAL ATTACHES AT EMBASSIES OF ALL COUNTRIES ON ITINERARY. ALL HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY. SCI ALSO HOPES TO MEET WITH ALL FOUR AMBASSADORS WHEN WOZAR IN WASHINGTON MARCH 11-12. EMBASSIES WILL BE SUGGESTING CONTACTS FOR SCI. SCI OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT ADDRESSEES HAVE RE CONTACTS/APPOINTMENTS. SCI WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF POSTS IN ARRANGING FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH OFFICIALS IN CAPITAL CITIES AND IN INFORMING OFFICIALS IN OTHER CITIES THEY PLAN TO VISIT OF THEIR SCHEDULE. SCI TEAM ALSO WILL NEED INTERPRETER ASSISTANCE, AND REQUESTS LOCAL HOSTS PROVIDE WHERE NECESSARY.

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3. FOR BUDAPEST: HUNGARIAN EMBASSY SUGGESTS MEETING WITH DR. LAJOS PAPP, HEAD OF THE CABINET OFFICE FOR COUNCILS. WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TO MEET WITH DR. PAPP AND ANYONE ELSE THAT HE OR POST SUGGESTS.

4. FOR WARSAW: WOZAR/GITTINS HOPE TO TRAVEL ONE DAY

OUT AND BACK TO A CITY WITH INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING U.S. AFFILIATION. POLISH EMBASSY SUGGESTED LODZ AND IS CHECKING. ALSO, POLISH EMBASSY WILL SUGGEST CONTACTS IN WARSAW THAT SCI SHOULD MAKE. IN ADDITION TO EXISTING U.S./POLISH SISTER CITIES, SCI CHECKING OUT FOLLOWING PENDING SITUATIONS IN PREPARATION VISIT TO POLAND: BAY CITY, MI/POZNAN; SUPERIOR, WI/SOPOT; BUFFALO, NY/RZESZOW; DETROIT, MI (RECENT CONTACTS INDICATE THEY MAY NOW BE READY TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM). EMBASSY SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED RICHMOND REPLY DATED FEBRUARY 20 TO BRADSHAW LETTER OF JANUARY 27. FYI - POLISH DELEGATION AT RECENT CULTURAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN SISTER CITY PROGRAM AND VISIT OF WOZAR AND GITTINS. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT POLES ALSO RAISED SISTER CITIES AT NOVEMBER 1974 CULTURAL TALKS IN WARSAW. END FYI.

5. FOR BUCHAREST: IN RESPONSE TO REF C, SCI TEAM PLANNING VISIT BRASOV AND CONSTANTA. SCI IS MAKING CONTACTS WITH U.S. CITIES WITH REFERENCE CONSTANTA AND OTHER SUGGESTIONS MENTIONED REFTEL. WITH REGARD CONSTANTA, MIAMI, OAKLAND, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES HAVE ALL INDICATED TO SCI THAT THEY ARE NOT IN POSITION TO DEVELOP ANY ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE, SCI SEEKING OTHER VIABLE ALTERNATIVE.

SCI TEAM REQUESTS POST NOTIFY MAYOR TRANDAFIR OF CONSTANTA AND MAYOR DUMITRACHE OF BRASOV OF VISIT. WHILE IN BUCHAREST THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN ROMANIAN MUNICIPAL ORGANIZATION AND IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SCI HAS LEARNED THAT CLEVELAND PLANS SMALL DELEGATION INCLUDING MAYOR TO VISIT ROMANIA AROUND END OF JULY/BEGINNING OF AUGUST. SCI UNCLASSIFIED

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TEAM WILL GET LATEST DETAILS FROM CLEVELAND PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE.

6. FOR BELGRADE AND ZAGREB: SCI REQUESTS EMBASSY MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH SECY GEN S. ZALOKAR OF STANDING CONFERENCE OF TOWNS AND WHOMEVER ELSE HE OR POST SUGGESTS. ALSO, IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. BY BELGRADE MAYOR, POST MAY WANT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH MAYOR KOVACEVIC. IN VISIT TO ZAGREB, SCI WILL CARRY GREETINGS AND MESSAGE FROM LONG BEACH, CA. PLEASE ADVISE ZAGREB OFFICIALS OF PLANNED VISIT. SAN BERNARDINO, CA., (POP. 112,000) WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY INVITED SPLIT TO AFFILIATE (SPLIT DECLINED) IS STILL INTERESTED IN YUGOSLAV SISTER CITY WHICH SCI TEAM WILL WANT TO EXPLORE DURING VISIT.

7. ALL ADDRESSEES: DEPT WILL FUND THIS PROJECT FROM
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